

10 CONSULTATIONS

Certain statutes and regulations require DOE to consider consultations with Federal and State agencies and Federally recognized Native American groups regarding the potential for the proposed project to disturb sensitive resources. The consultations are generally required before any land disturbance can begin. Most of these consultations are related to biological, cultural, and Native American resources. Biological resource consultations generally pertain to the potential for activities to disturb sensitive species or habitats. Cultural resource consultations pertain to the potential for destruction of important cultural or archaeological sites. Native American consultations are concerned with identifying Tribal concerns and issues related to the proposed project, including the potential for disturbance of Native American ancestral sites or traditional practices or resources.

DOE, as the lead Federal agency, has initiated consultations with Federal and State agencies as well as Federally recognized Native American groups regarding the potential of the alternatives for the NRI project to disturb sensitive resources. Table 10-1 summarizes the consultation activities conducted by DOE with agencies and Native American groups. Appendix A contains copies of the consultation letters. All agencies and Native American groups will be provided with a copy of the Draft EIS (DEIS). Information in the responses from the agencies and Native American groups was used in Chapters 3 and 4, as appropriate.

TABLE 10-1 Summary of Consultation Letters

Subject	Agency	To/From	Date
Invitation to participate in the NEPA EIS Process	Maine Department of Environmental Protection	To Ms. Dawn R. Gallagher, Commissioner, from Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE	November 30, 2004
	EPA, Office of Environmental Review, Regional Administrator's Office	To Ms. Elizabeth Higgins, Director, from Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE	November 30, 2004
	Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office	To Mr. Franklin Keel, Regional Director, from Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE	November 30, 2004
	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District	To Col. Thomas Koning, District Engineer, from Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE	November 30, 2004
	National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office	To Ms. Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, from Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE	November 30, 2004
	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 5	To Mr. Marvin Moriarty, Regional Director, from Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE	November 30, 2004
Response to DOE's invitation to participate in the NEPA EIS Process	Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office	To Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE, from Mr. Robert K. Impson, Director	December 7, 2004
	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New England Field Office	To Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE, from Mr. Michael J. Bartlett, Supervisor	January 6, 2005
	National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office	To Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE, from Ms. Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator	January 7, 2005
Response to BHE request for information regarding the Federally listed species and critical habitats	National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office	To Mr. Gil A. Paquette, TRC Corporation, from Ms. Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator	January 21, 2005

TABLE 10-1 (Cont.)

Subject	Agency	To/From	Date
Follow-up to DOE's invitation to participate in the NEPA EIS Process	Maine Department of Environmental Protection	To Ms. Dawn R. Gallagher, Commissioner, from Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE	February 8, 2005
	EPA, Office of Environmental Review, Regional Administrator's Office	To Ms. Elizabeth Higgins, Director, from Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE	February 8, 2005
	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District	To Col. Thomas Koning, District Engineer, from Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE	February 8, 2005
Invitation to participate in the NEPA EIS Process	Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians	To Brenda Commander, Chief, from Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE	February 23, 2005
	Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy Reservation	To Melvin Francis, Governor, from Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE	February 23, 2005
	Passamaquoddy Tribe	To Robert Newell, Governor, from Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE	February 23, 2005
	Aroostook Band of Micmacs	To William W. Phillips, Chief, from Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE	February 23, 2005
	Penobscot Indian Nation	To James Sappier, Chief, from Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE	February 23, 2005
Follow-up to DOE's invitation to participate in the NEPA EIS Process	National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office	To Ms. Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, from Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE	February 23, 2005
	Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office	To Dr. Jim Kardatzke, Branch Chief, from Dr. Jerry Pell, DOE	February 24, 2005